



City of Brampton | Fall 2023 Edition

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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While we transition into the colourful embrace of autumn, here are some standout moments and exciting updates from the past few months.

Supporting Youth: I am proud to support and work alongside our youth! My summer student, Pradwit Thapa, organized a cleanup at Teramoto Park with People Against Littering with over 100 youth. Live art was hosted by The Black Youth Creative, one of 12 youth-owned companies empowered through Brampton Entrepreneur Centre's Summer Company Program. Visit www.CouncillorSantos.ca/youthcouncil to join the Youth Council and learn more.



Puppy Masquerade: Thanks to all who joined us for our inaugural puppy masquerade at Duggan Park. Stanley, my dog/adopted family member, loved having our friends from Brampton Animal Services join us to encourage adoption and educate residents about animal safety. Scan the QR code to check out the adorable photos!

Neighbourhood Associations: Empowering our local neighbourhoods fosters belonging, improves safety, and enhances quality of life. A Neighbourhood Association Guide was launched to include a new grant stream of up to \$1,500 for eligible groups and projects. The guide provides valuable information on how to establish a neighbourhood association and encourage collaborative efforts to improve our local neighbourhoods.

Stay informed on the exciting initiatives in Wards 1 & 5 by visiting www.CouncillorSantos.ca

Wishing you a beautiful fall season,
Regional Councillor Rowena Santos,
Wards 1 & 5



Councillor Santos with Youth Council at Teramoto Park cleanup.

I am excited to share the latest updates and events happening in our community.

Supporting Community

The City of Brampton recognizes the valuable role that community organizations and non-profits play in keeping everyone connected. The Advance Brampton Fund is a community grant program that supports community organizations and non-profits by providing funding to eligible Brampton-based non-profit or charitable organizations.

The Creditview Senior's Club is one of the recipients of the Advanced Brampton Fund. Their club provides resources and support to seniors. Communities flourish when neighbours connect and support one another. To learn more about how you may access funding, visit www.brampton.ca/ABF

A Friendly Reminder: Road Safety Matters!

With the return of school, our top priority is ensuring everyone's safety, particularly on our roads. As the Chair of Public Works and Engineering, community safety is a top priority, and speed limits play a crucial role in protecting cyclists, drivers and pedestrians. Earlier this year, City Council approved a neighbourhood pilot initiative to lower speed limits from 50km/h to 40km/h in selected areas. This program is now active in five pilot regions, including the Royal West Drive and Elbern Markell Drive neighbourhoods in Ward 5.

This autumn, you may notice new traffic calming measures like in-road flexi speed signs, speed humps, or automated speed enforcement cameras in your neighbourhood. It's essential for all to adhere to road regulations. If you witness unsafe driving in your area, please report it via the Peel Regional Police's Road Watch program. For additional information, visit www.peelpolice.ca/ReportIt

Feel free to contact me via phone or email anytime. My office is here to assist. Stay informed about Wards 1 & 5 and the City at www.standup4brampton.com

Enjoy the vibrant spirit of fall in Brampton!

Regional Councillor Paul Vicente, Wards 1 & 5



CRICKET IN BRAMPTON

Cricket is one of the fastest-growing sports in Canada, and we take pride in providing residents with dynamic amenities. Over the last three years, more than 20 enhancements have been made to cricket fields. Upgrades vary per location and include shade shelters, replaced screens, lighting, expanded seating, and more. This past summer, Brampton hosted the GT20 Canada tournament at the CAA Centre -- making its mark as the Cricket Capital of Canada! The action-packed tournament featured six teams, international cricket stars, and attracted thousands of enthusiastic fans. To learn more, visit www.brampton.ca/cricket



CENTRAL PEEL COLLABORATIVE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

The Collaborative Learning Technology Centre (CLTC) at Central Peel Secondary School is opening its doors this fall. The City has partnered with the Peel District School Board to create a shared space for students and youth to collaborate and learn the concepts that solve real world problems. CLTC is equipped with innovative technological equipment that can be used in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math related programming, and offers program opportunities in robotics, computer engineering, film production, graphic design and more. Learn more and register for programs at www.brampton.ca/cltc

SUSAN FENNELLS SPORTSPLEX YOUTH HUB NOW OPEN!

The new youth hub is a dedicated space with a variety of unstructured spaces that allow youth to freely socialize and connect. Young people can access programming and supports, while building meaningful friendships and connections. Other amenities in the space include an eSports area, sponsored by Sheridan College, a creative space, ideation rooms, and a lounge area.

Youth hubs add to the growing amenities available for young people within the city, prioritizing safe, inclusive, and supportive communities. This hub is a first of its kind, to be followed by the Century Gardens Youth Hub, expected to open in spring 2025. For more information, visit www.brampton.ca/sfyouthhub



RECEIVED A PENALTY NOTICE?

The City is now offering a faster and more flexible process for payment, dispute, and collection of penalties!

Effective this October, through the Administrative Penalty System (APS), individuals can:

1. pay the Penalty Notice online, by telephone, in-person, mail, or contacting 311
2. request a review by a Screening Officer

Previously, individuals disputed penalty notices in person. To learn more, or to pay or dispute a penalty notice, visit www.brampton.ca/courtservices

BUDGET 2024

Planning is underway for the City of Brampton's 2024 Budget. Building on this year's \$496 million investment in capital projects and a record contribution of \$134 million to reserves, we are continuing support for a second hospital and a new cancer care centre, along with key strategic priorities. Your input will help shape the 2024 Budget. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/budget



BRAMPTON FORWARD: FAIR DEAL FOR INDEPENDENCE

On May 18, 2023, the Province of Ontario introduced Bill 112, Hazel McCallion Act, to make Brampton, Caledon, and Mississauga single-tier municipalities and dissolve the Region of Peel by January 1, 2025. The provincial government has established a five-member transition board to facilitate this change and oversee Peel's financial affairs to ensure prudent financial stewardship until the Region is dissolved. The City of Brampton looks forward to independence and discussions with the Province of Ontario and our regional partners on the division of services like police, paramedics, waste management, and other supports for our rapidly growing city. To learn more, visit www.brampton.ca/bramptonforward



KEEPING PETS SAFE DURING THE COLD

Be a responsible pet owner and protect your pets from the cold. Remember:

- If it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet.
- Don't leave your pets in the car.
- Wash and dry your pet's paws and stomach to clean off ice, salt and chemicals.
- Keep your dogs on a leash.
- Don't shave your pet down to the skin in winter – fur provides warmth.
- The cold can result in frostbites, hypothermia, and death. Keep them indoors.

Learn more at www.brampton.ca/animalservices



SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM MAINTENANCE TIPS

House fires can be devastating, causing a great deal of property damage and putting your family at risk. Maintenance ensures your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms keep you safe.

- Install working smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- Install working carbon monoxide alarms beside all sleeping areas.
- Test alarms monthly.
- Replace alarms that are 10 years old or older.
- Replace batteries at least once a year.

Learn more at www.bramptonfire.com

SNOW REMOVAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The City of Brampton has a financial assistance program for seniors and physically challenged homeowners to help with costs for removing snow from sidewalks and driveways. The grant provides \$300 for non-corner lot properties or up to \$400 for corner lot properties with sidewalks. To learn more, visit www.brampton.ca/snowgrant



PERMITS REQUIRED TO DISPLAY SIGNS

Permits must be requested to display signs on buildings or in the ground in Brampton. All signs, temporary or permanent, are regulated to help keep pedestrians and drivers safe from distractions and avoid visual clutter in the city. To request a permit to display a sign, visit www.brampton.ca/signs



FIREWORKS BAN

Under the Fireworks By-law, the use, purchase, discharge, possession, display, sale, and offer to sell of fireworks is strictly prohibited in Brampton. Penalties for failing to comply range from \$500 to \$1,000 and may reach up to \$100,000 if a court summons is issued. The City is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment. Residents are invited to celebrate Canada Day, Diwali, and New Year's Eve at City-led events with Pyrotechnics. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/fireworks



ACCESSIBLE PARKING

As the City continues to develop and expand, the number of people requiring barrier-free parking also increases. Access to accessible parking is important for people with disabilities to be able to enjoy services and facilities. Accessible Parking Permits are issued free of charge to qualified individuals through the Province of Ontario. Under the Traffic By-law, owners and operators of businesses are required to provide for and maintain accessible parking spaces. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/accessibility



CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANNE'S PARISH

I proudly celebrated St. Anne's Parish's golden anniversary with Mayor Patrick Brown, Father Joel, and parishioners. It has been an anchor of support in our community for decades. Congratulations to all parishioners, and thank you for your ongoing work, prayers, and support for our community.



From Left to Right: Mayor Brown, Father Joel, Councillor Santos.



CREDITVIEW SENIORS CLUB

Every summer, the Creditview Seniors Club hosts their Canada Day Multicultural Festival at Stillman Park. The celebration brings members of the club, their families, and neighbours from the community to the park for a fun-filled afternoon. The Creditview Seniors Club provides support and resources to seniors in the community. Members enjoy socializing, playing a game of cards, or venturing out on a weekend excursion. Socialization is critical for mental health and well-being. Thank you, Creditview Seniors Club, for the work you do in the community!

COMMUNITY CORNER

FEATURED CLUB

SUPPORTING GIRLS IN SPORT

Supporting women and girls in sports includes investments to motivate and inspire them because they deserve the best. It was an absolute honour to have the City support the transformation of the Brampton Junior Canadettes Girls Hockey Association locker room at Century Gardens and witness the reaction of the team when the renovations were revealed.



Councillor Santos with the Junior Canadettes in the new locker room.



COMMUNITY OFFICE DROP-INS

I am excited to launch community office drop-ins. With so much happening in the City, it is difficult to get all of this information out. Social media doesn't reach everyone, so instead, I'm finding ways to come to you. My first community office drop-in was hosted at Golden Grains Bakery & Deli, a Portuguese café where residents gather daily. We hosted a meeting to provide important updates and to hear directly from our Portuguese community on the issues that matter to them most. We discussed important topics, including landlord licensing, property standards, the updated noise bylaw, neighbourhood associations, and community safety. Stay tuned for our next community drop-in location at www.CouncillorSantos.ca



Councillor Santos with community members at community first drop-in session.



CELEBRATING THE BRAMPTON LATINOS ASSOCIATION

Did you know September was Latino Heritage Month? I was pleased to meet with organizers of the Brampton Latinos Association to discuss plans for this year's Brampton Latin Festival, their long-term vision along with their mission to support and provide resources to Latinos across the city. Organizers Karen, Bianca, and Diana are highlighting the rich culture of the Latino community. Find out more about their association on Instagram: [@BramptonLatinosAssociation](https://www.instagram.com/BramptonLatinosAssociation) or [@BramptonLatinFestival](https://www.instagram.com/BramptonLatinFestival)



PILLAR OF SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

For over 25 years, Annette John has been bringing her neighbourhood together each summer with her community street party and BBQ. Its initiatives like these that foster community and connectiveness. Each summer, I look forward to attending Annette's community street party and catching up with her and her neighbours. Thank you, Annette, for being a pillar of support in the community!



DOWNTOWN IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Region of Peel watermain construction in downtown Brampton continues and businesses remain **OPEN** despite the road closures on Main Street and Queen Street. Support your favourite downtown Brampton businesses and use the municipal parking garages for **FREE**. Various spaces in the downtown are activated with public art and public events continue to occur. For information on what's happening in downtown Brampton, visit www.downtownbramptonbia.ca

CITY EVENTS

FRIGHT NIGHTS
October 20, 21, 27, 29

PUMPKIN PARTY
November 1

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES AND PARADES
November 5 & 11

DIWALI CELEBRATION
November 12

WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL
November 17 & 18

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION
December 31

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WELLNESS SPRING WALK AND CAR SHOW
October 1

WORLD JUNIOR GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
October 2-7

ULTIMATE CANADA UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS
October 13-15

CRUISERS CUP
November 3-5

This is a selection of events, to see the full list visit www.brampton.ca/events

CHECK OUT CITY MATTERS



Sign up for City Matters to stay up to date with the latest news and events happening in YOUR city.



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